



The Honors College Annual Report 2016-2017



Oklahoma State University Honors College Rated in Top 22 Honors Programs by Public University Honors!

The Honors College was included in the top 22 in “Inside Honors: Ratings and Reviews of Sixty Public University Honors Programs” released in September 2016 with a 4.5 star rating. The publication looked at various areas including Honors curriculum, Honors courses offered, special experiences, prestigious scholarships, admissions statistics, and Honors housing. This places Oklahoma State University’s Honors College as the highest rated Honors College or Program in Oklahoma.



**Honors Student
Taryn Valentine**

Worked as a Videographer for the Department of Wellness. She has filmed, edited and published videos for social media and digital signage around campus.



**Honors Student
Anna Hurlbut**

Studied abroad in Japan as a part of the Spears Scholar Leader Program. Here she is in front of the Old Central replica building in Kameoka, Japan!



**Honors Student
Tiana Sanders**

Completed a research experience internship at Indiana University. She completed field work with female tree swallows, collecting data such as mass, blood samples and wing length.



**Honors Student
Adrienne Blakey**

Was sent by her research mentor, Dr. Brett Carver, to work in the USDA lab in Manhattan, Kansas to complete a wheat quality project. She investigated the gluten quality and quantity in newer wheat in comparison to older, heirloom varieties.

Honors College Student Accomplishments



Outstanding Seniors

(10 out of 16 are Honors Students!)

Allison Christian
Addison Freiner
Chelsey Johnson
Jacquelyn Lane
Lorena Mayorga
Ryan Neal
Gerardo Rico
Sarah Sauer
Tiffany Thurmond
Courtney Wolfe

Seniors of Significance

(18 out of 43 are Honors Students!)

Jordan Burns	Emily Henning
Gerardo Rico Cervantes	Michele Higgins
Allison Christian	Bethany Howard
Rachel Davis	Chelsey Johnson
Codi Demere	Lorena Mayorga
Eric Fleet	Sarah Sauer
Addi Freiner	Ashley Simenson
Jacquelyn Lane	Tiffany Thurmond
Ryan Neal	Courtney Wolfe

Goldwater Scholarship

Honors student Nicholas Nelsen was selected as a 2017 Barry Goldwater Scholar. This is one of the most prestigious honors in the nation for students seeking careers in the natural sciences, mathematics, and engineering. (news.okstate.edu, Wed, April 12, 2017)



Honors Top 40 Freshmen

Adrienne Blakey	Hunter Perdue
Coleman Bourke	Hadley Reuter
Alexis Barry	Savannah Robisch
Madeline Betts	Ashlyn Ruley
Mckenzie Carvalho	Caroline Sanders
Jordan Cowger	Jacob Sestak
Olivia Davis	Samantha Shafer
Kayla Dunn	Jacob C. Swanson
Chapman Howard	Rachel Terry
Cameron Jump	Alexis Vance
Braden Kellogg	Allison Wilton
Lindsey Mars	Abigail Wright
Thomas New	

Fulbright U.S. Student Award

Honors student Sydney Stewart was awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student Award to conduct research in Germany during the 2017-2018 Academic Year. (news.okstate.edu, Monday, April 17, 2017)



Udall Scholarship

Honors student Lindsey Hancock was awarded an honorable mention by the Udall Foundation. (news.okstate.edu, May 1, 2017)

Honors College Student Accomplishments

Phi Kappa Phi

(85 of 231 undergrad initiates were Honors Students!)

Abigail Arthaud	Melissa Jeannene Martin
Robert Connor Angleton	Connor J. Mayes
Joshua M. Argraves	Katlyn McCracken
Jessica Barnes	Charles Patrick McDonald II
Abby Bechtold	Sarah Meinders
Kathryn Biehl	Michelle Madeleine Meltke
Eston William Blair	Alexis Michall Miller
Gavin Robert Boone	Katelyn Miller
Sarah K. Bowlin	Duncan Mullins
Hallie Branco	Jessyca Naegele
Bailey Brook	Aimee N. Nash
Nona Campbell	Nicholas H. Nelsen
Rachel Leigh Campbell	Colin J. O'Day
Jordan Cash	Lauren Oliver
Allison Christian	Sarah Oliver
Paulo Claudio	Skyler W. Osburn
Leslie Marie DeRossi	Whitney E. Peterson
Charith DeSilva	John J. Petrach III
Lane Driskill	Alex Ralston
Lana Duke	Kendra Robbins
Anna Evelyn Ebert	Kenneth Rogers
Jackson Emery	Molly Margaret Ross
Jessica Filson	Timothy Sakabu
Marissa Finch	John Craton Sanderson
Rachel Fletcher	Alexandria Schut
Kelsey L. Frank	Alexis Jori Shanes
Kyle Frank	Cailey Shaw
Maddie Frizzell	Zechariah Shrum
Emily Gilley	Hannah Lea Sieler
Darrell Reid Gregory	Morgan Strawn
Nikole Heon	Austin Stottlemeyer
Austin Hinds	Brittanie Stowers
Kasie Hollrah	Katie Thompson
Emily A. Hughes	Mackenzie Walker
Anna Grace Hurlbut	Arianna M. Walton
Jamie Jennings	Taylor Walton
Lauren Jones	Madison White
Grayson Kuehny	Morgan Williams
Robert John Kurzu II	Palar Williams
Lauren Ashley Langeberg	Kassi Wilson
Courtney Lester	Bailey Winters
Holly Long	Brandon Wong
Courtney Jane Longhouse	



Honors Orange Gown Graduates

Addison Freiner
 Evyn Kron
 Chelsey Johnson
 Kendal Nicholas
 Sarah Sauer
 David Thompson
 Tiffany Thurmond



Phi Beta Kappa

(7 honors students were offered membership to the very prestigious Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society.)

Emily Allen
 Emily Henning
 Morgan Hunt
 Chelsey Johnson
 Kayleigh Karinen
 Holly Long
 Brianna Milleson

Honors College Notes and Highlights

From the Associate Dean Dr. Rich Frohock's Desk

It was my pleasure to join the Honors College as Associate Dean in July of 2017. This is my 22nd year at OSU, where I have been a faculty member in the English department, most recently serving a term as Department Head.

As Associate Dean, I teach courses, advise students, and help with recruiting efforts. I also am working to expand opportunities for students to earn honors credit towards their General Honors Award for co-curricular educational experiences in leadership, peer mentoring, service, study abroad, and other areas. These initiatives are being discussed in the Honors Council, and we hope to implement them in Fall of 2018. I am also helping with the Honor College initiative of placing peer tutoring services for the Honors College in Stout Hall. In Fall of 2017, we started with writing center tutors, and we plan to add tutors in math and other subjects in the near future.



Study abroad has been an important part of my own education and background, and it was a highlight of my teaching career to get to teach the Cambridge Scholars course in Summer 2017. Sixteen students spent two weeks with me living and learning at Magdalene College, Cambridge University. We studied the history and literature of British colonization in the Caribbean, and we considered ways in which that seventeenth and eighteenth-century history shaped the UK today. We took advantage of our location by making numerous excursions to museums and sites of historical importance in Cambridge and nearby London. Highlights included visits to the British Museum, the British Library, the Docklands Museum, the Kenwood House, and a Black History walking tour through the heart of London. The class got to learn about history by experiencing it, and I was thoroughly impressed by my students who were all model ambassadors for OSU and the Cambridge Scholars program.

It has been great to see the progress of the Honors College Student Association, which has organized a series of very successful events this fall. They began the year by hosting a talk by Catherine Seagraves, an OSU Honors College graduate who is now a Consular Officer at the US Embassy in Paraguay. They also organized service opportunities at the Wondertorium Children's Museum and through Stillwater's Into the Streets volunteer day. Additionally, they hosted social events, such as the mug night and homecoming decorating party at Old Central, and their Honors College t-shirt fundraiser has been a hit. They will be building on this momentum of these successes in the coming year.

As the semester wraps up, I want to thank everyone for welcoming me into this new position and helping me as I get up to speed with all things Honors. I'm very glad to be a part of this community and am very much looking forward to the coming year!

Honors Advisor Receives Advising Excellence Award

The Advising Excellence Award provides institutional recognition for outstanding academic advising. Honors Academic Counselor, Ebonie Hill-Williamson, received the award at the Fall 2016 University Awards Convocation. Ebonie has been an advisor in The Honors College since January 2010. She never hesitates to go above and beyond to help students achieve their goals.



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FROM DEAN DR. KEITH GARBUTT'S DESK

What a great academic year 2016-17 was for the Honors College. The appointment of Dr. Richard Frohock as the Associate Dean in the spring means that we can now move forward with some of the new and innovative aspects of our Strategic Plan (also completed this year). I look forward to working with Ritch and the rest of the Honors team as we expand the support and opportunities available to Honors Students. One of the highlights of the year for me was working in collaboration with the Scholars Office, now under the able leadership of Jessica Sullins (former assistant director of Honors), to prepare the institutional nominees for the Goldwater, Udall and Truman Scholarships at the Taos writing workshop. An amazing few days working with these extremely talented young men and women, made all the better with Nick Nelsen winning a Goldwater Scholarship and Lindsey Hancock a Udall Honorable Mention.



Honors Students Arianna Walton and Hallie Branco at the Honors College Student Association Skate Night.

Honors Community Events & Experiences



Holding the Most Outstanding Residence Hall for Stout Hall at the 2017 Cowboython.



Stout Hall Honors Students at Into the Streets



**Honors Student
Madison Weiss**

Studied abroad during the Spring 17 semester and was able to travel to Morocco and trek through the Sahara desert by camel. Her semester spent studying abroad has been the best experience of her life and has changed her forever.



**Honors Student
Steven Scott**

Served as a camp counselor at Pine Cove.

2016-2017 Honors Degree Recipients

Timothy Alland
 Matthew Allen
 Kelsey Anderson
 Kellie Backhaus
 Kourtney Backhaus
 Nicholas Baril
 Anthony Biamont
 Grady Block
 Jessica Blodgett
 Andrew Blye
 Sarah Bonk
 Nicole Branstetter
 Amanda Brown
 Morgan Brun
 Blake Burchel
 Dylan Cannon
 Samantha Cassidy
 Jessica Catlin
 Matthew Chamberlin
 Rahul Chidurala
 Tori Coates
 Grace Coen
 Kayla Cook
 Zadie Cook
 Kamran Coulter
 Erica Crockett
 Tam Dang
 James Darling
 Erik Dartsch
 Lauren Davenport
 Codi Demere
 Nicholas Denker
 Alisha Devore
 Collin Devore
 Courtney Dike
 Katherine Dixon
 Danielle Dockrey
 Charles Earnest

Kelsi Emmons
 Emily Ferranti
 Eric Fleet
 Addison Freiner
 Courtney Fryar
 Chelsea Garner
 Alex Garrison
 Leighton Gerken
 Caitlyn Gilbert
 Jaime Goolsby
 Mercedes Harris
 Abigail Hebenstreit
 Emily Henning
 Michele Higgins
 Hannah Hillegas
 Bethany Howard
 Kayson Howard
 Claire Hudak
 Morgan Hunt
 Katelyn Jarvis
 Austin Johns
 Chelsey Johnson
 Payton Jones
 Caleb Jones
 Avonlea Keenen
 Amethyst Kelly
 Kaelynn Knoernschild
 Evyn Kron
 Robert Kurzu
 Amber Laferriere
 Jacquelyn Lane
 Devyn Lavoie
 James Lee
 Christiane Ley
 Kelly Love
 Dominic Martin
 Nuria Martinez-Keel
 Taylor Mastin

Katelyn McKinney
 Mitchell Meyer
 Chelsea Murphy
 Nicole Myers
 Kendal Nicholas
 Rachel Nichols
 Cameron Patterson
 Ashton Patton
 Kari Payne
 Erin Pearce
 James Pearson
 Joshua Phillips
 Annelise Poss
 Sean Quintana
 Kayla Ratliff
 Sidney Ricketts
 Sarah Rosenkrans
 Allison Sadler
 Sarah Sauer
 Haley Schantz
 Marissa Schmidt
 Alexa Schmidt
 Benjamin Schwarz
 Hannah Sieler
 Ashley Simenson
 Lyndie Simmons
 Logan Sirbaugh
 Alexander Smith
 Caitlin Snider
 Sydney Stewart
 Caitlyn Stice
 Michael Thomma
 Rebecca Walters
 Tyler Wepler
 Catherine Wilson
 Thomas Wiseman
 Courtney Wolfe



**114 students were
 awarded Honors College
 Degrees.**

**189 students received
 General Honors Awards**

**120 students received
 Departmental or College
 Honors Awards.**

